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Family Picnic**

**Reporting: Day at the Races • Casino Royale Tour
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What's Happening

July

Thursday the **6th** - Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos.

Saturday the **15th** - The Peak to Peak Tour. Led by LPR Tour Chairman Jay Patyk under the careful oversight of his wife, Kim, this tour promises scenic vistas and succulent German food. See the ad on page 9.

Saturday the **29th** - LPR's annual Family Picnic. Eat a little, drink a little and play a little as we gather for an afternoon in the sun. Check out the ad on page 14.

Sunday the **30th** - LPR Autocross #5 at Marina. Come out and beat up those cones. See the ad on page 26.

August

Thursday the **3rd** - Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's in Los Gatos.

Friday the **4th** - Tour leaves to Parade. See the ad on page 6.

Saturday the **19th** - Wine and Appetizers Social at the home of Greg & Sue Sickal. Watch for details in the August issue.

Saturday the **26th** - LPR Autocross #6 at Marina. This is a zone event. watch for the ad in the August POST.

Sunday the **30th** - LPR Autocross #5 at Marina. Come out and play Beat the Clock. See the ad in next month's POST.



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successfully
completes the
course in the rain at
AX #3 at Marina.

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Racing Boots

Bob Morgan, President



Another great team effort made this year's 17th Annual PartsHeaven Swap Meet and Concours a big success. Thanks to all the LPR members who helped, especially Jim Bryant for organizing the swap meet, and Gary Lieber, Zone 7 Concours Chair, for his effort and organizational skills. These two really did the most to make this event a success. Kevin Bennett and Harlan Pester manned the BBQ grille while Angie Sharp, Kris Vanacore and June Iles served the customers. Ed Tefankjian had the Membership table set up, answered questions about PCA and "The good time region", and handed out lots of applications. Racesetter Designs set up and operated the Goodie Store for us-a big thank you to Greg & his wife.

BUT MOST OF ALL we must thank Al Uejo and his crew at PartsHeaven; Jeff Wilkins, Sencer Ng, Dave Sevilla, Ed Round, and Scott Wong. They clear out their parking lot for the Concours display, and they arrange to use the neighboring parking lots to allow other groups to show their cars (this year the 912 group and R Gruppe, as well as some 550 replicas all showed some beautiful cars). They clear it with the city and make sure the street is all cleared for the Swap Meet. They also provide the awards for the Concours winners. A huge effort on their part, and one they've done for the past 17 years. It's really a pleasure to work with them.

This year's Concours had some interesting side notes. LPR Founder and past President, Ken Iles entered his newest acquisition, a beautiful Blue 1999 Carrera Cabriolet. He had the misfortune of entering the largest class of cars (Wash & Shine) and was last to be judged. He waited for hours. Although he didn't win his class the first time out, he made a respectable showing. Give it another go eh, Ken? Although I'm not sure Ken is keen on Concours, he seems more the driver to me...

I almost made it to the Coastal Driving School Drivers' Ed event at Infineon Raceway. I got hooked into a customer issue at work and had to cancel at the last minute. I hear tell it was sold out. I also heard some poor soul ran afoul of the wall in his GT3 that he'd owned for a week. I hope he's OK, although I'm sure he'll be depressed about the incident-at least I know I would be. I WILL GET TO A D/E THIS YEAR!

Next on our agenda is attending the Pruss' GTG. This will be a first for us and we're really looking forward to it. They'll even have a marimba band as entertainment. These beach GTG's are really going upscale these days! Speaking of Beach GTG's, Larry & Linda Smith put on a heckuva wing-ding. They even arranged to have a hot-rod show in downtown Capitola. I was kind of disappointed that their 2nd house (or is that the "new half of the house"?), wasn't quite complete. It was sure nice having the added parking. I must apologize for not providing a host/hostess gift. This is a long-standing tradition at LPR, and I guess I got my wires crossed. I hope they'll consent to hosting us again next year so we can atone.

Directly following the Pruss' GTG will be the Autocross on Father's Day. I think I will

❖ Racing Boots...

try to have lunch with my Dad that day, but I hope the rest of you are able to attend the autocross if you're so inclined.

This weekend I'm hoping to do the final steps of re-assembling the motor from the Junkyard Dog. I had swapped the motor from the Silver Fox into the JD so I had something to drive (the Silver Fox was totaled on hwy 880 on 11/1/05). I'm still entertaining thoughts of bringing her back to life as a track car. Karen came up with an interesting plan. She thinks I should get the JD fixed up and sell it, and buy a Cayenne to tow the track car. Then when we go on tours, we can take the Cayenne and get in line with the rest of the Porsches, and not have to ride the tail end because we're driving a different make. I don't know if I should take that as a slam on my ability to keep my cars up and running (OK, so I deserve some of that), but I know she didn't mean it that way.

I'm a little worried though, driving an SUV these days is not politically correct; it smacks of conspicuous consumption (strange position, coming from a Porsche owner). I was thinking of buying a used truck, trailer and a 1987 Carrera-I could probably do that for about the same \$ as a pre-owned Cayenne. We may need to ponder this for awhile, there are so many possibilities.

Until next time, Bob Morgan

I LOVE A PARADE !

We are touring to the Portland Porsche Parade in August and you're invited to drive along. The team of Iles/Reed & Sharp are your tour leaders; consider yourself warned.

We will depart on Friday morning, August 4th. Our destination for this day is Crescent City, Ca. We have reservations at a local motel at a very reasonable rate. On Saturday, August 5th, we will complete the journey to Portland.

Don Wise of [Don's Autowerks](#) is offering a free safety inspection to anyone touring to Parade. You can schedule an appointment at 408-971-9108.

**The deadline to RSVP for this event is July 10th firm!
Confirming earlier is greatly appreciated.**

Phone Ken Iles (650) 941-9038. Operators are standing by.
All tour details available after you RSVP.



A Iles/Reed-Sharp (very) limited production. Some assembly required.

POST POSITIONS

Kevin Bennett, Editor



I saw an interesting news story about Lincoln Hall, an Australian mountain climber, who succumbed to altitude sickness near the summit of Mt. Everest. He was abandoned by his two Sherpa guides who both maintained that they had to leave him in order to save themselves. Hall was declared dead but, lo, the next day he was rescued and helped down to safety with the help of a few, presumably, other Sherpas and their faithful yak.

Just to make the story more interesting, the network included a reference to a British climber on the same peak who, less than two weeks prior, also succumbed to oxygen starvation on a well traveled route near the summit. David Sharp, only 33, lost his struggle to breathe as over three dozen other climbers ignored him as they pursued their own goal of conquering the great mountain. He must have been incredulous in his death throes as potential savior after savior moved past him while offering no succor. Sharp died because others were unwilling to share their precious oxygen reserves with him.

The spirit of competition is strong in America, and it is evidenced in the myriad competitive activities available to its people. They run the gamut from tic-tac-toe to professional sports and include competitions as varied as cooking, animal and plant breeding, wheel chair racing, and yes, even competitive car washing. Because the desire to win is so ingrained in our society, I imagine that in even the most oddball of these competitions there is a certain amount of cut throat activity. I think that John Madden succinctly summed up the prevalent attitude when he said, "I would rather wear a tutu than come in second."

I am a poker player, and as such, I have to have a callous attitude toward my opponents at the table. In order to succeed, I cannot concern myself with whether or not the folks whom I beat are losing their rent money. Fortunately for me, my years as a businessman, being hustled and scammed by customer and employee alike, gave me a strong predilection toward insensitivity. It's not something of which to necessarily be proud, but my callous nature certainly flavored my reaction to the Everest story.

I am not a thrill seeker. I don't rock climb, skydive, hang glide, scuba dive, or even autocross. I didn't avoid these activities out of fear, but for the combined reasons that; 1) even modest injury could have had a major impact on my business and 2) I was really not interested. Because I avoided them, whenever I heard stories of tragedies associated with these activities, I was quick to dismiss them as self induced. I am finding that this particular attitude changes a bit when you actually know someone who has suffered dire consequences while thrill seeking, but to this day, my initial response is always on the callous side, and once again, the thrill seeking nature of the Everest tragedy influenced my reaction.

I would imagine that for most of the three dozen climbers who bypassed Sharp on that treacherous peak, their Everest adventure was a once in a lifetime endeavor; one

that was undertaken at considerable expense. My callous nature identifies with them rationalizing that stopping to help would jeopardize both their own lives as well as their hopes of reaching, or descending alive from, the summit. I can hear in my own mind the thought processes that must have been in their heads as they absolved themselves: "This guy isn't my responsibility. He knew the risks. Somebody else will help him. Why should I give up my bragging rights about conquering Mt. Everest for a guy I don't even know?"

At twenty-five thousand feet, perhaps you have to give the benefit of the doubt to the climbers who allowed Sharp to die. The single minded determination to reach the summit combined with their own oxygen starved condition might certainly have interfered with their good judgment. Despite my callous nature, however, I think that had I been one of those three dozen climbers, I might have stopped and rendered assistance to the dying man. If you think about it, when it comes to bragging rights, "I sacrificed reaching the summit in order to save the life of a fellow climber," it seems to me, is at least as good, if not better, as saying you reached the top.

Correction

In last month's issue of the POST (June 2006), Terry Gregory was erroneously given credit for the photos that appeared in her article about Crab 32. The photos were taken by Linda Smith and Ron Leppke. In particular, the terrific shot of the Larry Smith at speed in the Monster Boxster was Ron's.

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The tour will leave from the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at the corner of Camden and Almaden Expressway. The tour will begin assembling at 8 A.M. with the drivers' meeting scheduled for 8:15 and departure promptly at 8:30. Jay & Kim have precisely timed the first leg to arrive at Jacks Peak Park at 10 A.M. **The cost for this tour is \$13 per car.**

**Please RSVP to Jay & Kim by Sunday,
July 9th, at 408-269-4836 or email
jaypatyk@aol.com.**



The restaurant will run \$9 to \$12 per entree with a choice of: assorted sausages; breaded pork chops; chicken piccata; or Cajun chicken salad. Joan & Peter have a plethora of German wines and beers of which you may choose to partake, so budget your appetites and your pocketbooks accordingly.



**Tech Session
Saturday
August 19
10 A.M.**

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MEMBER NOTES

Ed Tefankjian,
Membership Director



During the month of May, Karen and I were in Armenia and Greece for a vacation and historical sightseeing. Many have asked us “why did you go to Armenia”? That’s an easy question, we are both Armenian. Karen’s maiden name is Sarkisian and just around the corner from the hotel we found Sarkisian Street. However, we could not find a Tefankjian Street, although we could have easily missed it as many of the streets and roads in Armenia do not have any signs.



We spent a lot of time walking around Yerevan (Armenia’s Capital). On one of our walks Karen spotted a Porsche dealership.....we had to go in and see what was happening with Porsche in Armenia. We introduced ourselves as Porsche owners and LPR-PCA members, that’s all it took to get the conversation started. They had our full attention and we had theirs.

We learned that this is the only Porsche dealership in Armenia and that they have been in business for a little over a year. There were two Cayennes on the showroom floor and they recently delivered the first CaymanS in Armenia. You may be interested in the price of the Cayenne, after VAT/Customs (about 30%) it will cost you 42,900,000.00 DRAMS or about 97,000.00 US dollars.



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կի արտանման խորովանքները, 18 դյույանոց անվանոնը և դրան գերեցնել, նույնքան էլ շունկցունակ հնձի ավտոմատ ակտիվ-հանվի շարժարկը (սառնորդ): Մոդելի բեռնանցիկի տարողությունը զգալիորեն մեծ է, քան Boxster-ինը: Ինչո՞րն բամբն ծախսը կազմում է 280 է, իսկ սառնիկը՝ 150 է: Կասայարունն ու անվտանգությունն ապահովում են Porsche-ին բնորոշ ընթացիկ կառավարման համակարգը (Porsche Stability Management (PSM)) և որպես հավելում՝ օդակախոցների կառավարման համակարգը (Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM)):

We talked with Aram Arakelyan (Sales Advisor) and Armen Rostomyan (Service Parts Manager) they were aware of PCA, but not all the activities done in the various regions. So we pulled-up the LPR web site and POST, they were very impressed with the POST and the extensive LPR calendar of events. They would like to get a Porsche club started in Yerevan and felt there would be no problem getting the good-time-gatherings going, however, the tours may be more difficult.

We told them to keep track of us via the LPR web site and offered to give them advice on getting a club started. As always, new adventures and new friends.

❖ Member Notes...

I'm pleased to introduce the following members that recently joined LPR:

- Tom Herrmann, Morgan Hill, 1988 911
- Chris Julian, Los Gatos, 1974 914
- George Kohl III, Los Gatos, 1994 964
- Tom Livingston, Los Gatos, 1983 911SC
- Tom Micele, Gilroy, 1996 993
- Fernando Urroz, Saratoga, 1990 964

LPR Membership

- Total = 548 (Primary = 305, Affiliates = 243)

Ed's tips for July:

- After all our travels Karen and I both feel very fortunate to be part of LPR-PCA; this is a great club and it's the members that make it great. So take a look at the LPR calendar and get out and meet some new people plus renew some old friendships. There are lots of activities planned for this summer and fall.
- Don't forget if you change your e-mail address, etc. just send the new one to me (edjt@earthlink.net). I'll update your LPR file and then you will get the latest info!

Bye for now, Ed



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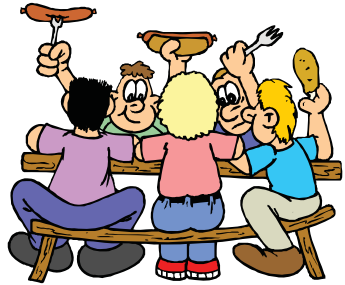
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Members will be asked to bring salads and desserts to share with their friends. There is a \$5 parking fee but this event is otherwise free to the membership.

Park amenities include:

- o Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad \$1.50 per person, under 2 years free with paying adult
- o Billy Mason Carousel, \$1.50 per person, under 2 years free with paying adult
- o Playground across parking lot from group area
- o Paddle boats and row boats are available for rental
- o Green Machines and recumbent bikes are available for rental

Additional activities will include a pināta for the kids, a Smores making contest, and more.

RSVP to Kris Vanacore at vanacore1@mac.com or 408-978-1101 with a count of how many will attend and the dish that you will bring.

The park entrance is on Blossom Hill Road between University Avenue and Highway 17 in Los Gatos.

See you there.

3rd Annual Brunch at the Beach



by Johnny Musser Photos by John Reed &
Kevin Bennett

As someone who took engineering in college because he couldn't write, I am reminded of a scene from one of my favorite movies, MASH. A high ranking officer, after watching Hawkeye Pierce in action, asked how did a person like "that" ever get in a position of responsibility. He was drafted was the response. So, after reading this, when you are trying to figure out why anyone would let someone who writes like "that" do an article, I was drafted.

On Friday evening, as I watched the rain pelting down, I was trying to figure out how Larry and Linda Smith were going to get 60 people inside their home since they had planned on a large number partying outside. Fortunately, Saturday dawned sunny and beautiful with a light breeze and the temperature at the beach was perfect for a party.

I arrived and Larry allowed me to park in the garage of the house next door, which they have bought and are in process of remodeling. I thought this was just because Kathy and I had agreed to stay until the end helping with the cleanup and our car would be blocked. As you will hear later it was also a much safer place for our freshly washed car than out front.

The house was beautifully decorated with tables full of food. There was a burrito bar, a table with chili relleno casserole, a vegetarian frittata and a meat frittata. Another table was laden with guacamole and Chili con queso dip.



Ken Iles loads his burrito... but he looks a little lost 'cause he can't find the kippers.



Larry Smith demonstrates to Vince Vincent one of the skills he has acquired from living on the beach; the use of semaphore signals. I think he was asking Linda to bring him a beer... a big one.



Sam Mascia, Mary Wallace and Debbie Bennett chat it up on the deck.

Brunchin' & Beachin'



Angie Sharp, Karen Morgan, John Reed and Bob Morgan stand out of the way of the traffic at the custom car show.



The joint was jumpin' as the LPR crowd partook of the sumptuous feast.

❖ 3rd Annual Brunch at the Beach...

In the center of the kitchen was even more food. A table held with nuts, candy, olives, and breakfast pastries. There was a tray full of Porsche shaped cookies. Linda Smith and Terry Gregory had tried to make one in the style and color of each club member's



Linda Smith & Terry Gregory worked the Porsche assembly line manufacturing this plate of Porsches. Black licorice stood in for the tires.

car. Kathy and I were able to find our white Targa. I wonder if everyone else found theirs. Two of the tables had fruit center pieces, which were made to look like a flower arrangement. They were so good looking that I heard several people ask if they were just to look at or to eat.

Out on the balcony, in addition to the incredible views of Monterey Bay and Capitola Village, was the most important part of the brunch the bar. Paul Gregory was acting as bartender serving some really delicious mango margaritas from a 5-gallon water cooler. If that didn't suit

your taste then there was a champagne punch made with Schramsburg champagne, Corona beer, iced tea and bottled water. Obviously Larry and Linda have been around the LPR gang before.

It was fortunate that Linda and Larry had prepared lots of food and drink. The beautiful location and great weather brought out nearly 60 people. Unfortunately Tony and Kris Vanacore were unable to attend due to a family issue, they were greatly missed. Ralph Maines was there with his classic 356 and Ken and June Isles were showing off their new blue 911. Paul Siedel and Nanci Bishop had brought their 914 "Jagermeister". It was looking really nice, having recently come from a concours. John Reed was taking pictures or as someone said "gathering evidence" of how much everyone was eating and drinking.

Being new to the club I had the opportunity to meet several people that I had not met before. Rudi Herz was wearing an American Orient Express shirt and I asked him about the train. I had a very interesting talk with him and his wife Joanna about their vacation through the antebellum south on the train, it sounded like a fabulous trip. While we were talking, Debbie Bennett came by and she talked about the great LPR trip she organized. It was rumored that she might be willing to plan another trip involving a steamboat adventure on the Mississippi River. By the time she finished describing it, everyone listening was ready to sign up.



Hosts Larry and Linda Smith made a visit to the wine cellar to bring out this special bottle for their guests... maybe they thought it was time for them all to go home?

By this time, it was 11 AM, and Linda decided that it was time for the drawing for door prizes. As you entered the house and paid you were given a ticket for each person. You put your name on one half and put it in the bowl. At this point Kathy Musser (my

wife) discovered that she had kept the half with the name on it and put the blank half in the bowl. Maybe she was afraid after the margaritas she would forget who she was. It turned out that it was OK since each half had a number on it. Ashley, daughter of Doug and Dana Ambrisko drew the winning numbers. John Reed won a LPR fleece vest, Johnny Musser (my son) got a Porsche duffel bag and LPR President Bob Morgan won a nice bottle of J. Lohr wine. There is no truth to the rumors that the “fix” was in since the Club President, event photographer and the son of the person writing the article won all the prizes.

Bob Morgan held a brief meeting, reminding everyone of all the great events that will be happening over the next few months. At this point Linda “recommended” that everyone go see the 1st Annual Capitola Car show being held in Capitola Village.

The walk down the hill was definitely worth it. There were over 250 custom hot rods and classic cars. We spent over an hour walking around looking at the beautiful cars and marveling at the amount of time and money that must have gone into restoring/customizing them. I heard one owner tell someone that he had more than a thousand hours and \$30,000 invested in his car and he wasn't finished. There were Corvettes, Mustangs, 55 Chevrolets, a Plymouth Superbird and even an Anglia (Think Harry Potter flying car). There were many completely custom hot rods with some of the most beautiful paint jobs that I have ever seen. One, a two-tone gray and green chopped rod was for sale for only \$95,000. Of course if I had that much money I would have a new 911. During our travels around the show, we even heard a group of people talking about the other car show



Ashley Ambrisko draws the lucky numbers...



Kathy & Johnny Musser carefully supervise their son John's use of the camera... fully aware that with some LPR activities, there should be no record.

up on the hill where the Porsche people were “Hobnobbing”. Since our margarita supply had long since been depleted we headed back up the hill to look at the other car show.

Back at the brunch, I learned that there had been a contract put out on a seagull by Ken and June Iles. It had flown over the party and let loose a full bomb load all over the Iles' newly purchased 911. The bird didn't just get the paint job but also managed to get the leather upholstery. I knew there was a good reason Larry had me park in the garage.

Since it was now well into the afternoon and more than enough food and drink had been consumed, everyone started to say goodbye and head for home. Other than the seagull incident it had been a great brunch/car show. Great location, great food, great drink, great cars and most importantly great people left everyone anticipating next year and the 4th Annual Brunch at the Beach (a very subtle hint to Larry and Linda that we hope they do it again). If they do, no one will want to miss it.

More Brunchin' & Beachin'



The Four Stooges... Bill Highley along with Curly, Moe and Larry.



Kathy Musser and Terry Gregory, the women behind the woman behind the...



Debbie Bennett and Kirby Hollis.



Above: Nanci Bishop, Paul Seidel-Smith and Ashley Ambrisko out touring the custom car show. Right: Prior to Ashley's tour of the cars, she managed to pull Bob Morgan's ticket for this prize at the Smith's brunch.



You can't see the foot in his mouth, but Johnny Musser must have said something outrageous to provoke the left and right coming his way.





*Left: Bill Highley, Sandy Provasi, Emilie Highley, Joanna Herz, Debbie Bennett, June Iles and Tom Provasi caught at the beach, cruisin' the cars.
Below: Jeanie Murrell and Ralph Maines arrive at the brunch in classic fashion.*



Rudi Herz, Cathy Carlson and Kevin Bennett.



Tony Antonowicz tells Jim Bryant that he has some breakfast burrito in his ear.



*Above: Paul Gregory just sparkled as master of the punch bowl.
Right: Sandy Provasi and Bill Highley. This event was very convenient for the Provasis as they just walked over from their beach condo.*





story and photos by John Reed

The second annual LPR Day at the Races, organized once more by Greg Sickal, broke from the far post on Saturday, May 13th at Bay Meadows Raceway and headed for the start-finish line with 20 die hard horseracing fans in attendance. The event began at high noon with the usual greetings, handshakes, hugs and kisses all the way around, with nary a horse lip in sight, as yet.

After finding our assigned tables in the Turf Club, ordering a favorite beverage or two, we strapped on the feedbag and headed towards the buffet tables where we gazed upon the horsedurveez, entrée delights and the chocolate horse apples for dessert. One can't start betting on the races without proper inner piece and a calm approach to selecting ones favorite nag(s) during the afternoon. And one must always remember, it's nag, nag, nag.

Before the first race at 1 p.m. we familiarized ourselves with some horseracing terminology: Win, place and show seemed easy enough; bet a little or a lot on a horse to win (duh) place (that's second best) or show (that's third place or something Ken Iles does to June on a daily basis). Other betting items to consider were the Daily Double, Pick 3, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 4, Pick 6 and my favorite, pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start all over again.

The LPR players for the day were: Jay and Kim Patyk; Greg and Sue Sickal; Kevin and Debbie Bennett; Bob and Karen Morgan; Johnny and Kathy Musser and son John; Carole Goodwin; Ken and June Iles; Larry and Linda Smith; Dick and Mary Wallace



Race Day organizer Greg Sickal seems flush as he works the books with Treasurer pro tempore Sue Sickal.

❖ The day we horsed around...

and yours truly with the ever lovely Angie Sharp. Must note that Debbie, Carole and Linda went all out with wide-brimmed hats, spring dresses and looked the part of the upper crust horsey set. Jay Patyk and Bob Morgan wished that they had done the same, but that's another rather unfortunate story.

The display sign in the infield said, "It's Post Time" and we knew that race number one was about to begin. The horses were led to the starting gate as the final bets were placed. Yahoo Yodeler and Blue Max stood out as favorites. Yahoo didn't disappoint as he crossed the finish line first (win) with Max a close second (place). Several fans whopped with joy, several fans tore up their bets and flung them at Larry Smith who was the loudest whooper (some people know how to win with grace, others just whoop).



When it comes to horse racing, Carole Goodwin believes in dressing for success.

Race number two: This was our race, really. The race program listed Loma Prieta Region, Porsche Club as the featured honorees as we swelled with pride (or was that gas from the buffet)? Johnny and Kathy recognized a good horse and rushed off to bet on Bumper Crop while others selected Dixieland Heater or Who Gives a Hoot. Before the race began several LPR ladies were escorted trackside to await the winning jockey and horse, Debbie

organized the pecking order, assigning everyone to their places leaving herself to the jockey's right where she could, "grab his butt." Hmm, did she mean the jockey or the horse? After the photo op the LPR ladies ventured back to the grandstand, Johnny and Kathy were all grins because Bumper Crop came through and swelled their fortunes. Dixieland and Hoot faded, more bets torn up and flung Larry's way.



Linda Smith is in high spirits... hubby Larry picked the winners and Linda was delegated to collect the winnings.

Race number three: Most LPR folks couldn't resist Talk Show Tony as their bets, guess who came to mind here? Hint: He's Italian and he's obscene in the company of our own V.P. Carole Goodwin rushed off to bet on Large Larry while Dick Wallace rushed off to the mens room -- a 50 -1 long shot on a good day. The winner was Scottish Idol and Ken Iles was smiling all the way, more gas from the buffet, no doubt.

Race number four: Something strange here. Two entries, Starving Armenian and It's All Greek To Me had a familiar ring, where have we heard this before? Angie said that Armenian was her cup of tea while Karen, Linda and Kim couldn't resist the Greek, and the bets were on. Kevin Bennett stated, "What do they know?" and sauntered off to wager on Gary the Gelding, a sure fire winner in his book. The winner? Proud Louie Too, according to Larry Smith as he was seen dodging torn betting slips, "Put those Armenian grape leaves in your Greek and smoke it, Gary!"



It was hat day at Bay Meadows.

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Race numbers five thru eight: Interesting betting going on. With names like Salty Soldier, She's Some Wagon, Mary Mac's Rocket, Billy Boo Boo, Awesome Lady, So's Yer Old Man and Donttellthehusband stood out as favorites. Greg Sickal and his father, Bob Morgan, had a formula formulating in their minds, grab a beer or two at the bar and watch which way the wind was blowing then bet heavily on the favorite. Must have been some kind of wind, these two obviously enjoyed the beer more than the multi-race outcome. Once again, through four races Johnny , Kathy, Linda and Larry were all smiles. Carole Goodwin ordered another Neapolitan and flung her hat at Larry.



Karen & Bob Morgan. Karen seems to be happy. She must have not been financially involved in that betting slip.

Race number nine and ten: The last two events of the day. Mary Wallace was sure that these were her races. Sue Sickal was sure, by this time, that Greg was nuts. Kim Patyk was sure that Jay had gone around the bend when he bet on Around The Bend and Linda Smith was



Oops! Ken Iles has another loser.

all atwitter when she spotted So's Your Mudder backing(?) into the starting gate. Which horse actually ran what race is still a mystery but Mary was happy because her horses paid off. Mudder sent Linda muttering and Around The Bend was last seen eating oats in the infield. Reminds me of last year's race #10 favorite, Glue Factory, coming in last behind the ambulance and horse pooper scooper. Ahh, what fond memories. Oops, almost forgot, more betting slips were tossed and flung at Larry.

conclusion. Ten races to enhance the senses. Many a horse whose name will long be forgotten, or remembered, passed our way. What will

definitely be remembered is our pal Greg Sickal whom we thank for organizing this annual LPR event. Only two years left before Bay Meadows Raceway becomes condos and a shopping mall. One more time, Greg, let's go for it again next year, ok?

To quote from the book of sport, "Horseracing is an exciting and invigorating sport that has been enjoyed the world over for centuries. From the person who picks winners by choosing a favorite name to the advanced statistician, there's something in it for everyone."



It would appear that Kevin Bennett was the biggest loser of them all.

"And they're off and running!"

The day we horsed around



Larry Smith memorializes another of his many winners.



Above: Jay and Kim Patyk follow their academic bent and study the horses as if for an upcoming exam.

Right: Omigawd! A winner! It worked! Another proof of the power of study.



Left: Linda Smith confers with fellow horse aficionados Kathy and Johnny Musser. Below left: Ken Iles displays the LPR reservation card and the program for the days races. Below: The day's losses didn't appear to bother Debbie Bennett nearly as much as they bothered Greg sickal.



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The CasinoRoyale Tour

by Greg Sickal

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& Kevin Bennett

The tour started off early in the morning with everyone meeting at the Carrow's parking lot in Danville. This time Sue and I were only a tad bit late. Everyone laughed at us as we drove up just as the driver's meeting was getting started. Sue begged me to not drink as much coffee on this tour so I wouldn't have to stop for a bathroom break on the side of the road. It was a small group with 10 cars and a few new faces on this tour, including Hal and Diana Hallock on their first tour with LPR. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Kris Vanacore; I promised Sue to hold off on the coffee; and off we went.

We drove two and a half hours nonstop through the back roads towards the north of the bay wine country and made our first stop at the Rutherford Winery. Proud of myself for holding on so long and without worrying about how perfectly my car was parked in the lot, I ran to the bathroom before anyone else. When I came out a few seconds later, there was a huge line and others told me that they, too, had a tough time going for so long without a break, so I didn't feel so bad after all. People chatted and tasted some of the wines before heading off to the next stop.

Next we made our way to Glen Ellen for lunch. Most of the people bought sandwiches and salads at a grocery store that had a gourmet deli and a tree covered dining area. Downtown Glen Ellen is very quaint and has several historical landmarks including the famous Jack London Lodge and Wolf House Restaurant. John Reed toured this property during lunch and indicated he is planning a tour ending at the lodge for next year. It was such a lovely day that some people walked from the grocery store to the parking lot where we met just before heading off toward the next winery.



During the drivers meeting, Bob Morgan proudly showed off his new cell phone... said it had games on it and everything!



Bob Morgan and Sue Sickal both look as relaxed as a Sunday morning.



Pam & Don Wise. Don just can't keep his hands off things, but then that's why Pam married him.



Clockwise from left: Karen Morgan, Sue Sickal and Kris Vanacore. I don't know if these gals are referring to how much they've had to drink or are referring to their husbands, but Karen seems clearly the most satisfied.



One of Tony Vanacore's favorite pastimes is draining a wine glass. He's good at it, too.



The Patyks, the Hallocks, the Wises, the Sharp and the Bennett pose in front of the Coppola Winery.



Totally at ease now that they finally have a wine glass in their hands (afterall, it's almost 11 A.M.) the group toasts the photographer.

❖ Show me the money!...

We stopped at Matanzas Creek Winery, parked our cars and headed up for some more wine tasting. While Pam Wise went on a shopping spree in the winery, the rest of us listened as the wine guide explained some history of the winery and introduced us to their wines. Just before leaving, Jay Patyk's car came out of gear and started rolling down a hill in a path to hit every other Porsche in the lot. Just in the nick of time a group of people got a hold of Jay's car and stopped it from crashing into all the other cars. Jay was pretty embarrassed, but people quickly forgot as he treated us to some of the great beers he had picked up from the Vanacore's Top of the Morgan tour the month before.

We arrived at the Best Western hotel in Santa Rosa about 4pm and after settling in, everyone headed to the pool for a party. There was plenty of food and drink, and people chatted and talked for a few hours. Then we all got in our cars and headed off to the River Rock Casino for dinner and gambling. It was about a 30 minute drive to the casino through the Alexander Valley with beautiful scenery along the way. From 101, the casino looked like a massive hotel nestled in the hills, but as we made our final approach, we realized it was only the parking garage structure, with the actual casino located in two large "tents" in front of the property.



Brand new members Diana and Hal Hallock jumped into LPR with both feet for their first event and had a great time.



Jay Patyk takes his wine tasting seriously. I'm not sure what this reaction signifies, but I'll bet he didn't buy a case of the stuff.

People gambled a little before dinner, but Kevin Bennett was disappointed as the poker room had a long waiting list for Texas Hold'em games. The casino was fairly small compared to Reno and Vegas casinos with one exception: there was no alcohol served anywhere since the Indian tribe did not yet have an alcohol permit. Smoking, however, was permitted and for most people who didn't smoke, the cloud lingering above was sometimes too much. Sue kept saying, "Show me the money," and actually did pretty good for a while. She was up about \$200 on one of the draw poker machines. Problem was, she kept on playing thinking she could get more and fell into the trap the house counts on: the longer you play, the more the house wins.

After a while, we all got seated in a large table in the buffet room. The food spread was pretty good with just about everything you could imagine. I like these all you can eat buffets and almost always get my money's worth at them.... After dinner the group went off on their own with some staying to gamble and some heading back to the hotel. I was surprised to see that Don Wise was one of the few people who seemed to be doing very well at the blackjack tables, but after dinner the tables were so crowded he couldn't get a spot. And John Reed did well at one of the draw poker video

❖ Show me the money!...

machines too. About 11pm, the Morgan's and Sue and I headed back to the hotel to call it a night with Don and Pam Wise's car the only one left in the lot, so Don must have found a table after all...

Sunday morning we all left the hotel and drove to the Coppola Winery, owned by movie director Francis Ford Coppola of The Godfather and Apocalypse Now movie fame, and uncle of famous actor Nicholas Cage and father to up and coming movie director Sofia Coppola. The winery was stunningly beautiful and we were the only ones there when we first got there. After tasting some of the Coppola wines, the group sat down and had a wonderful brunch pretty much all to ourselves. After brunch, most people left and headed back home but Sue and I stayed for a while and after tasting some more wines, ended up taking the very first winery tour. It was very interesting, with the guide telling lots of stories about Francis Ford and his roots and how he got started with wine-making. After the tour, we headed home.



When you drop Kris & Tony Vanacore into a winery, they become the happiest couple in the world.

Thanks to Bob and Karen Morgan and John Reed and Angie Sharp for planning this great tour, and the people who attended, including Hal & Diana Hallock, Dick & Mary Wallace, Tony & Joanne Antonowicz, Tony & Kris Vanacore, Don & Pam Wise, Jay & Kim Patyk, John Reed & Angie Sharp, Bob & Karen Morgan, and Greg & Susan Sickal.

Kevin & Debbie Bennett, Diana & Hal Hallock, Angie Sharp and Karen Morgan enjoy the California outdoors at this absolutely exquisite setting for brunch at the Coppola winery.





Above & right: The Hallocks kept buying wine and ended up stressing the storage capacity of the 911 model.



Kevin Bennett looks like he is manning the bar for non-drinkers Pam & Don Wise and Big John Reed.



As Tony & Kris Vanacore do their thing, Tony Antoniowicz wants to sample what they were drinking.

Show me the money!



Kevin Bennett desperately tried to stop Pam Wise from making a contribution at the winery's wish barrel.



The group gathered by the pool to celebrate its safe arrival. Beer, wine, snacks and brownies... could life get any better?



Don & Pam Wise pass the time with Kevin Bennett as the rest of the tour tastes at Rutherford Winery.



Tony Vanacore just had his seats redone. It looks like he got some of those inflatable lumbar supports and he's adjusting them with lung power.



Diana and Hal Hallock are happy to be on the road with LPR.



Even the parking lot at the Coppola Winery was idyllic.



Sue & Greg Sickal and Bob Morgan. Greg doesn't appear to be tasting... he doesn't seem as happy either.



Karen Morgan, Dick & Mary Wallace enjoy a little tasting on the tour.



Right: Kevin & Debbie Bennett share a snack at the motel cocktail party. You can tell that they're serious about food.

"Agua" crossing at Marina



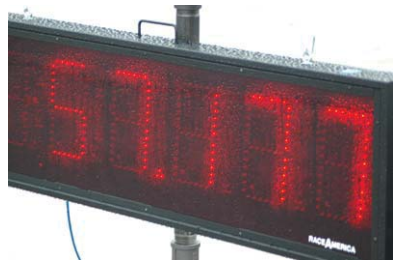
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The early runs were on a course that was merely damp.



As the rain started, drivers started dressing for success. Right: Doug Ambrisko chose a slicker. Above: I guess he's donning rubbers.



The new timing display got a proper christening in the inclement weather.

Above, right & below: As a slight drizzle started, the umbrellas started to come out.





*And then the rains
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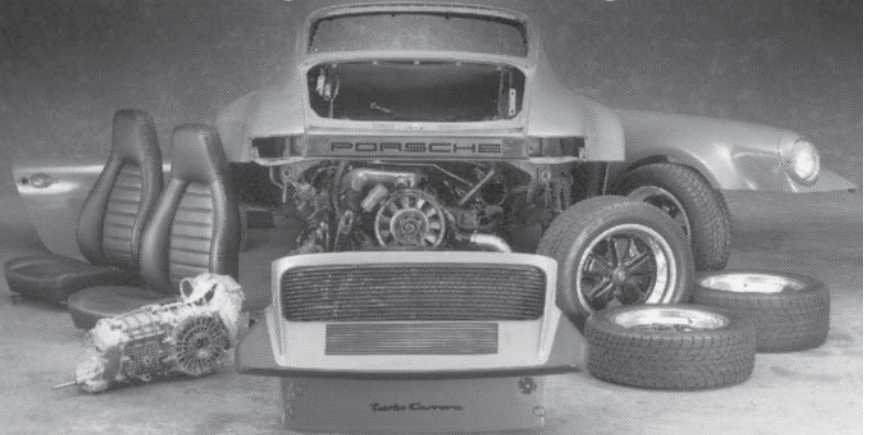
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Loma Prieta Region PCA
Minutes of the June 2006 Board Meeting



The June Board Meeting was held on June 1, 2006, at Mountain Mike's Pizza in LosGatos, and was called to order at 7:11 pm by President Bob Morgan.

Board members present were: Bob Morgan, Barry Pangrle, Harlan Pester, Angie Sharp, Ed Tefankjian, Kris Vanacore and Sue Sickal (for Jennifer Bryant who was in Madagascar and Sue left early to attend her sister's birthday party).

Other members in attendance were: Jay Patyk, Emilie Highley, Bill Highley, John Reed, Karen Tefankjian, Tony Vanacore, Kevin Bennett, Pete Siemens, Ralph Maines, Les Schreiber and James Bryant.

Directors' Reports

President: Bob Morgan

Last month's minutes passed on e-mail vote.

Website proposal: Bob was to meet this week but it didn't happen. Bob should be able to get together with them before the next board meeting.

Vice-President: Kris Vanacore

Kris reported on this month's upcoming events:

- 1) Sunday, June 4, LPR's Annual Swap Meet
 - a. Concours: Bob Morgan
 - b. Swap: Jim Bryant
 - c. Food Concessions: LPR region
 - d. Goodie Store: Greg Lange from Racesetter
- 2) Saturday, June 17, GTG Sausages and Sunsets with the Prusses
- 3) Sunday, June 18, LPR Autocross at the Marina

LPR ANNUAL PICNIC

Plans are underway for the LPR Annual Picnic to be held this year at Vasona Park, Blossom Valley Group Area just inside the park, past the Pavilion. DATE: Saturday, July 29, 2006. Proposed budget (based on last years picnic) \$550.00. Ed seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSAL: throw away all expired drinks, each GTG will purchase drinks and paper/plastic ware incorporating costs into member attendance fee/club re-imbusement. Anything left over will be left with the GTG/event hosts.

Kris made a motion that hosts and hostesses will supply drinks for GTGs. Kris will create a guideline for people to use. This will start in August. Angie seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Secretary: Barry Pangrle

No news to report.

Treasurer: Sue Sickal (for Jennifer Bryant)

We received the \$2000 back from the IRS with interest. Total of \$2041.17

Ed moved to raise voluntary fee from \$3 to \$5 for LPR Board meetings to help cover the expense of Pizza and beverages. Angie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ Minutes...

Activities: Angie Sharp

Angie has already delivered the insurance information for the next autocross to Alan. Angie needs help getting signed release forms back from Alan. She can only request insurance within 30 days of an event. Insurance is not needed for the swap meet or concours.

Membership: Ed Tefankjian

Ed hopes to do an e-mail approval since there wasn't time for National to get information to Ed. The club currently has 305 primary and 243 affiliates members for a total membership of 548..

There will be a membership table at the swap meet.

[Note from the secretary: Membership information was handled by e-mail after the meeting and the board approved the new members.]

New members from PCA

- Tom Herrmann, Morgan Hill, 1988 911
- Chris Julian, Los Gatos, 1974 914
- George Kohl III, Los Gatos, 1994 964
- Tom Livingston, Los Gatos, 1983 911SC
- Tom Micele, Gilroy, 1996 993
- Fernando Urroz, Saratoga, 1990 964

Member-At-Large: Harlan Pester

Still needs to have a meeting with Bob.

Committee Reports

Safety: John Reed

The last autocross was wet and cancelled after noon. John sent off the Casino Royale Tour and autocross #3 to national. We're all up to date with that now. Pete asked John if he was attending the driver's education (DE) event on June 5th at Infineon. John said that the PCA website only specifies observer forms for tour, autocross and rallyes. DE's purchase their own insurance.

Tours: Jay Patyk

Jay wanted to take an inventory of tours so far this year. Kris and Tony, Rudy and Ken and Karen and Bob have all done a great job putting on tours so far. The next tour is the peak to peak tour put on by Jay. We'll head out from Camden and Almaden Expressway to Jack's Peak and later have lunch at Joan and Peter's German restaurant. It will be a fairly short tour. On July 15th there will be a Portland Parade tour that is being organized by John, Angie, Ken and June. Don has offered to give a free safety check up to any one traveling up to Portland for the Porsche Parade. The Bryant's tour is scheduled for September 23-24 to Sonora.

John Reed and Ken Iles have provided info for Jay to put together a tour guideline document. Jay presented it to the board for review. Pete mentioned that he thought it would be useful to have on the website.

Tech: Jim Bryant

Harlan and Kevin are scheduled to do the BBQ'ing for the swap meet. Do we need a second BBQ going this year? Bob and Jim are going to help chalk Saturday afternoon. Jim will get the doughnuts. Bob will bring a coffee maker. Kevin will take care of the

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rest of the food and drinks. Left over drinks will be given to Kris.

Jim is working on setting up a tech session with RMG.

Goodie Store: Joe & Cheryl Pruss

Not present. Kris, Racesetter will be at Swap Meet.

Charity: Bill and Emilie Highley

Emilie said that we have 50% of the proceeds from the charity event (November event) currently set for habitat for humanity. The second 50% could possibly go to American Liver (Steve Harper) and/or Chron's Disease (for another member). Donor letter is finished except for the names of the charities.

Public Relations: Ken Iles

Ken sent an article to Panorama on good time bowling and Rudi's Backroads Tour. Ken and June now have a "new" '99 Carrera Tiptronic with 20K miles, Cabriolet. They're planning to sell the Boxster.

Drivers Education: Pete Siemens

Infineon is booked. There may be 2 or 3 slots for people who don't need instruction. The Buttonwillow event ran at about a \$1200 loss but the Infineon event should make that back and more.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 PM.

The next meeting will be held on July 6, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

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